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Hongkong, Oct. 2, 1912.

GIRL'S STORY OF MILLIONS.

Heartless Robbery of Credulous Friends.

An astounding story of a girl's duplicity and of her victims' credulity was told at the Winchester Assizes in a trial which concluded recently after a hearing lasting a day and a half. The girl, Florence Louise Way, was indicted with her parents, Bertie and Elizabeth Way, on thirty-six counts accusing them of obtaining £800 by false pretences from Willie and Annie Maria Wheeler.

The parents carried on a butcher's business at Bournemouth, and the girl became acquainted with the Wheelers, to whom she posed as a musical genius. Believing in her story, and told that she was kept short of money at home, they advanced her sums varying from 30s. to £400 to enter competitions, and pay fees, and to obtain shares in "an American syndicate" which was to exploit an opera which she said she had written, and for which Mrs. Wheeler suggested the title "The American Girl."

The girl told wonderful stories of having won prizes ranging in value from £50 to £25,000, all of which she was to receive in due course, and of being entitled to £5,500,000 from the syndicate, in which she was supposed to have put the £400, together with all her prize money and copyrights.

Mr. Dan Godfrey, the conductor of the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, was enticed to deny that he had ever advised the girl or introduced her to Madame Ada Crossley or Kubelik. The girl had invented a story of this nature, adding that she had accepted an offer to go on a tour abroad with those two famous artists, and that Kubelik desired to purchase several of her compositions. She also obtained £100 to enable her to appear at Court to play before the King.

Mr. Godfrey described the girl's compositions as a meaningless jumble of notes.

PARTED WITH ALL THEIR MONEY.  
No credulous were the Wheelers that they not only parted with all the money they had, and all they could raise by selling jewellery etc., but borrowed considerable sums from friends, while their daughter drew all her money from the Post Office and closed her account, denied herself a holiday and clothing, and also borrowed from friends to enable her to let the girl have £150. She also gave up her situation in order to go as companion with Florence Way when she went on tour. Eventually the girl confessed that the whole thing was a fraud.

The prosecution endeavored to show that the banknotes which the girl received passed into her parents' hands, but Bertie Way was found not guilty and discharged.

Describing the case as an astonishing one, Mr. Justice Ridley sentenced the girl to 18 months' hard labour, and her mother to 12 months.

The millionth visitor to the Olympic Zoo and Circus passed the turnstiles recently, and was duly presented with a £10 note. He was Mr. Guy Bonnin, an associate of the Auctioneers' Institute.

The annual death-rate in London, which had been 18.0, 19.6, and 14.4 per 1,000 in the three weeks ended January 21, February 7 and 14, fell during the third week of February to 12.4.

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One Cabin in each Class reserved free for use of Ladies.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

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CANTON TO MACAO.  
Departures from Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M.  
Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.50 P.M.

S.S. 'HONGKONG.'  
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Departures from Macao to Canton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 A.M.  
Departures from Canton to Macao on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 A.M.

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COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDIA-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.  
S.S. 'TAI HAN.' S.S. 'NANNING.' S.S. 'NANNING.'  
One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days  
at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or  
vice versa by the Company's direct steamers 'LINTAS' and 'SANTU'. These vessels  
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of 200 feet long.

Tools Office, 25, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Telephone No. 1111.  
Shipyard, Sham-Sai-Po, Kowloon, Hongkong. Telephone No. 1111.  
Estimates furnished on application.

WONG PING WA, Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1912.















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Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1914. 220

## TO BE LET.

From 1st April, 1914.

**OLDSELOE**, Austin Road, Kowloon.  
Apply to **PATELL & CO.**  
79, Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1914. 254

## TO LET.

## OFFICES in King's Building.

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.**  
Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1914. 862

## TO LET.

Four-roomed HOUSES in Granville Avenue and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, cheap rentals.  
SHOP with Godown attached, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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No. 3 MINDEN VILLAS, from 1st April next.

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Hongkong, March 3, 1914.

## TO LET.

OFFICES, Rooms and Godowns on the Ground and Second Floors, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, the Premises now occupied by the SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, Limited, Possession 1st May, 1914, or earlier date.  
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Immediate possession.

Apply to **SANG LEE**,  
c/o Comptroller Department,  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1914. 262

## TO LET.

**ROGATE**, Austin Road, Kowloon, unfurnished.  
No. 68 Peak, MOUNT KELLET, (Church Mission Society Bungalow) till 30th May 1914, partly furnished, "Chop rent."

No. 6 CAMERON VILLAS, No. 59 Peak, to let furnished for one year from 1st May 1914.  
"No. 19th SHELLEY STREET,"  
From 1st October 1913.

No. 5 MOUNTAIN VIEW from 1st April, 1914.  
No. 12 BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Shop.

To let till 31st October, 1914, No. 64 The Peak, seven rooms and drying room, furnished, including Electric fans and Telephone.

## FOR SALE.

**HARTING and ROGATE**, on part of Kowloon Island Lot No. 114.  
Apply to

**LINSTEAD & DAVIS**,  
c/o Messrs. Alexander Bell & Co.,  
111, The Arcade, Hongkong.  
March 17, 1914.

## COMPANY REPORTS.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., LIMITED.

The Company's report states:—  
The General Agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year 1913 with a statement of accounts to 31st December last.

The demand for the Company's Sugars has been restricted, partly owing to the troubles in the North during the first few months of the year, and partly to the large accumulation of stocks in China ports of both Japanese and Java white sugars.

The year's working resulted in a loss of \$80,060.27, and a balance of \$49,264.32 is carried to the debit of profit and loss account.

During the year your General Agents have effected the sale of our Bowington Property, and the saving on charges and interest as the result of such sale will benefit the Company.

## CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

This consists of Hon. Sir C. R. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. Shollin, and Messrs. F. Matland, J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

## AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1914.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1913.

To Remuneration to Consulting Committee ..... 2,500.00

To Auditor's Fee ..... 75.00

To Interest ..... 38,984.49

To Loss on Working ..... 6,825.8

By Balance brought forward from last year ..... \$69,060.27

Less Dividend paid 25th March, 1914, 60,000.00

By Net Balance as per Balance Sheet ..... 19,765.95

By Balance carried forward ..... \$69,060.27

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## DYSPEPSIA AND HOT WEATHER.

"I look upon it that he who does not mind his stomach will hardly mind anything else," wrote Dr. Johnson with characteristic brusqueness.  
In these hot, moist days, every man must "mind his stomach," if he wishes his stomach to "mind him." He who does not, dyspepsia will be his lot, with its long train of disagreeable symptoms.

To avoid dyspepsia, or to overcome it if present, it is imperative to nourish the nerves as well as supply easily digestible food. For this purpose, nothing compares with Sanatogen, which is a highly concentrated nutritious food, chemically combined with phosphorus in the exact form in which it exists in the body. Exceedingly digestible itself, it also helps the digestion of other foods. It thus rapidly restores digestive power and nervous vigour.

A physician writes in *The Medical Press and Circular*, one of the leading British medical journals: "Sanatogen supplies the needed nutrition to the brain cells as well as the necessary filip to the heart, stomach, liver and other organs. In consequence, the patient sleeps and his energy of mind and body is restored. He loses his depression of spirits, and the balance of his nutrition is restored for in all cases, it acts as a powerful stimulant to the nervous system."

Sanatogen can be obtained of all Chemists, in bottles of two sizes.

## CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

This consists of Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

## AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1914.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1913.

To Balance brought forward ..... \$ 7,375.67

To Interest ..... 15,158.00

To Loss on Working Account ..... 4,297.2

To Loss in Exchange ..... 2,631.00

To Auditor's Fee ..... 5.00

By Balance carried forward ..... \$69,211.91

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## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Commander.	Last report at
Abercrombie	despatch vessel	1650	2	9000	Comdr. Archibald Cochran	Hongkong
Admiralty tug		—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Atlas	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt. Comdr. E. G. Pritchard	Shanghai
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt. Comdr. W. H. Darvall	Shanghai
Britomart	river gunboat	1070	6	1400	Capt. H. P. F. T. Williams	Shanghai
Cadmus	aloop	680	4	7500	Lt. H. T. England	Hongkong
Chelmer	torpedo boat destroyer	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Colin Mackenzie, D.S.C.	Shanghai
Clio	aloop	550	4	7500	Lt. Com. U. M. Blackman	Hongkong
Cohne	torpedo boat destroyer	380	—	8700	Lt. Com. C. A. Poignand	Hongkong
Fama	torpedo boat destroyer	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. H. W. Grant	Hongkong
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	187	4	7500	Lt. Com. G. F. A. Wulster	Hongkong
Hammer	torpedo boat destroyer	563	4	7500	Lt. Com. E. K. Riddam-Wheatlam	Hongkong
Kenner	torpedo boat destroyer	516	4	1200	Lt. Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yamaguchi
Kinaha	river gunboat	1040	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Gibson	Hongkong
Martin	aloop	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	180	2	800	Lt. Com. Alan Dixon	West River
Moorehen	river gunboat	4800	12	25,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powles	Shanghai
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	85	2	240	Lt. Com. Malcolm Murray	Yamaguchi River
Nightingale	river gunboat	590	—	7500	Lt. Com. R. W. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	980	—	1400	Lt. Com. E. A. N. Cromie	Hongkong
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	23	2	240	Lt. Comdr. Nash	West River
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Com. I. A. S. Hutton	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. M. T. R. Maxwell Scott	Yamaguchi River
Snipe	river gunboat	1636	—	—	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G. Hongkong	
Tamar	receiving ship	180	2	800	Lt. Comdr. S. P. H. Russell	Upper Yamaguchi River
Téai	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt. Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Dormer	Hongkong
Tristram	river gunboat	11,765	18	12,300	Capt. P. Strausfeld, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Triumph	battle-ship	590	—	7500	Lt. Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Uk	torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Wallnut	torpedo-boat destroyer	195	2	830	Lt. Com. J. C. F. Borrett	Upper Yamaguchi River
Widgeon	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt. Com. M. Blackwood	Yamaguchi River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt. Comdr. Lloyd	Yamaguchi River
Woodlark	river gunboat	8250	—	22,000	Capt. H. L. Cochrane	Colombo
Yarnmouth	light cruiser	—	—	—	—	—
C.36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. F. J. McGillivray	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. Gimes	Hongkong
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. R. K. C. Pope	Hongkong
.035	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
.036	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Barton	Hongkong
.037	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Wyndham-Quinn	Hongkong
.058	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. F. W. Seymour	West River



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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German gunboat *Itis* arrived at Shanghai on the 18th inst.

The Bandmann Opera Company opened in Singapore on the 11th inst. with *The Girl from Utah*.

A box containing clothing valued at \$14.70 was stolen yesterday from a house in Temple Street the property of a Chinese cook.

A richha coolie collapsed and expired outside the Sincere Company's shop early this morning. The body was sent to the public mortuary.

The silk shipped by the a.s. Hongkong Mail arrived at New York on the 18th inst., at 10 p.m., five days and two hours after the steamer's arrival at San Francisco.

The Key Scouts will give a concert in St. Patrick's Club to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock, in aid of the funds for the Scouts' Hall. Admission 18 one dollar and two dollars.

A scoundrel, aged 58 years, has been sent to the Tung Wah Hospital suffering from injuries received through falling from a scaffolding in course of erection at No. 3, Wa Hung Lane.

Between four and five o'clock this morning some person entered No. 5, Tung Wah Lane, through the window and stole a jacket valued at \$5, six gold rings, valued at \$43 and \$54 in money.

The master of the coasting steamer *Coromant* was fined \$50 yesterday by Commander Basil Taylor R.N., marine magistrate, for having broken the rule of the road by passing a launch on the wrong side.

A boatman suffering from injuries to his head caused by falling from the mast of his boat while attempting to get on board the *Empress of Russia* died this morning at the Government Civil Hospital.

The cow boy at No. 5 cow shed at the Dairy Farm has reported to the Police that during his absence on Tuesday some person stole from his room-clothing valued at \$12 and \$10 in money. The Police have found the box and several pieces of clothing valued at \$5 on the hillside.

Before Mr. Wood yesterday Lok Lei, aged 35 years, of Shun Tak, was charged with the murder of Cheung Kwong in August 1912 in the Victoria Harbour. Mr. Faithful defended. The charge was reduced to one of manslaughter and the case was remanded until next Wednesday.

The damage to the Pacific Mail liner *Manchuria*, which scraped over a rock during a fog at Nagasaki, has been found, on inspection at Kowloon, to be more extensive than was anticipated. The boat will probably not be able to leave until Wednesday at 1 p.m. instead of on Saturday as scheduled.

There was an extraordinary fall of snow recently in the Midway Valley, between Midland and Tsimshing. None of the flakes measured less than an inch across, and most of them were 2 in. in diameter. The fall was very remarkable for its density, which held up all motor traffic.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Reid, manager of Takoo Dock, leaves for Home at the end of this month.

Capt. E. M. Connolly, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, left for Home to-day via Canada.

Mr. E. Dingle, Inspector of Naval stores, has been appointed to the post of storekeeper at Chatham Dockyard.

Brother Adrian, principal of St. Joseph's College, left yesterday for Singapore in response to cabled instructions. The date of his return to Hongkong is uncertain.

We learn that the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, has been laid up with bronchitis. His many friends will hope that the fine weather we are having will soon restore him to his usual vigorous health.

The departure of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher for Home to-day on leave will cause a considerable staff change in government departments. Mr. M. J. Brown of the Post Office, will temporarily discharge Mr. Fletcher's duties as Clerk of Councils. Mr. E. D. O. Wells will be transferred to the Treasury and Mr. J. M. Smith will be transferred to the Public Works Department.

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## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

## THE ORDINARY MEETING.

The forty-fifth ordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held at the company's offices, Queen's Road, at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. E. Shollin presided and there were also present Messrs. H. A. Siebs, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. L. Paterson, E. Goetz (directors), J. A. Plummer, F. Smyth, G. C. Moran, J. M. A. Machado, K. D. Gaudar, T. G. Weill, H. M. da Silva, W. S. Jackson, J. M. Alves, F. B. L. Howley, E. M. B. Conceicao, Chan Fat and Leung Yea Po.

The Chairman, before moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said: Before proceeding with the business of the meeting I have to express on behalf of myself and the Board, our deep regret at the death, since the issue of the report and balance sheet, of the Chairman of the company, Mr. G. Friesland. He had been on the Board for six years and had always taken the keenest interest in the welfare of the company. It is pleasant to be able to report that the year 1913, in spite of unusually heavy losses, turned out favourably, leaving us with a balance of \$441,408.07. Subject to your approval we propose dealing with this sum as follows:

Dividend of 87 and bonus of \$9 per share on 20,000 shares \$200,000.00 Add to extra reserve fund 135,013.17 \$335,013.17

The balance at credit of working accounts 1913 is \$426,277.34 which while smaller than last year I think can be considered as satisfactory. The company's surveys have reported on our mortgage loans and find same satisfactory. These loans show a decrease of \$30,336.14 owing to the repayment of mortgages and the difficulty in replacing them.

During the early part of last year your Directors took advantage of the high rate of exchange ruling, to remit further sums to London and you will notice that our sterling investments have been increased by £12,041.07. First, in our particular fund were unusually numerous and several configurations in Manila and Cebu fires in Shanghai served to materially swell our losses, which were the largest on record. The year in the latter place has I am sorry to say opened none too favourably.

Before closing I should like to refer to the proposed alteration in our Articles of Association, copies of which are by now in your hands. In these new articles you will notice we are taking powers to transact any form of insurance except life. This I would point out is purely defensive, for it is not our present intention to use these powers and we should probably only do so should competition drive us to it. I will now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1913 as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to the business before the meeting.

No question was asked. Mr. Plummer, in seconding, said he was sure he would be voicing the sentiments of the shareholders when he expressed sincere regret at the loss of the company had sustained by the death of the late Mr. G. Friesland, and also appreciation of the valuable services which he had rendered to the company. He was sure all present had listened with interest to the Chairman's remarks. They had every reason to congratulate themselves and the directors that despite unprecedented losses in 1912 and 1913 the balance of the company's working accounts showed only a small falling off from what had been regarded as an exceptionally good year, and that after setting aside the considerable sum of \$135,000 odd to extra reserve the directors were still able to recommend the same dividend and bonus as was paid last year. The premises income account was indicative of steady progress, and despite the fact that the company had opened none too favourably in Shanghai he thought they could look forward with every confidence to the future.

The report was adopted. The appointment of Mr. E. Goetz to the directorate was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. de Silva.

On the motion of Mr. Bowley, seconded by Mr. Machado, Messrs. Bonnar and Paterson were re-elected to the directorate.

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The Chairman announced that dividend warrants may be had to-morrow on application at the office.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

Chan Leung Sang, who was arrested on the Canton wharf, was charged before Mr. C. D. Macdonald this morning with being in unlawful possession of 624 rounds of ammunition.

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The forty-fifth ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Ltd.

The Hon. Mr. Landale presided, and there were present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. H. P. White, Mr. F. Maitland, Mr. C. S. Gubay, Mr. J. H. Haxton, Mr. A. Dennison, Mr. C. Omond, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. M. E. Machado, Mr. A. H. M. Da Silva, Mr. Chan Chan Nam, and Mr. L. W. Lee, the Secretary.

The notice convening the meeting and the auditors' reports were read by the Secretary.

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS. The Chairman said:—The working account for the year 1913 has, I am glad to say, resulted in a very satisfactory profit. The Premium income has not been maintained at quite so high a figure as that of the three preceding years, but exchange influences are to a great extent responsible for this, and it is gratifying to note that a substantial increase appears in respect of year 1913. Losses for the closed year work out at the exceptionally low ratio of 59.84 per cent of the premium and expense at 28.16 per cent—a very satisfactory figure. The income from interest shows a diminution, to be attributed as explained by my predecessor a year ago, to the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory investments in the Far East.

We have, during the past twelve months, as a consequence, made further purchases of gold securities, which, of course, return a smaller percentage than what we have seen from the market, but, as it were likely that we should have to invest still more of our funds in gold. It is fortunate that the necessity for doing so has arisen at a time when our various funds are increasing, and the decline in income which would otherwise be very marked, is stayed by the growth of the funds which are available for investment.

This leads me, naturally, to a consideration of the Investment and Exchange Fund Account, instituted a year ago, and which now stands at the modest figure of \$6,946.04. Since we have adopted the policy of writing our securities up or down at the time they are made, our value on 31st December, is clearly wise to make, out of our old provision, not only for the decline in the market value of the future last year of which we are well equipped to deal, but also for the fluctuations in their values as expressed in silver, attributable to the vagaries of exchange.

It is for these reasons that the Consulting Committee recommend the addition of \$68,111.74 to the Account desired to meet these contingencies, which will then stand at just over \$65,000.

To the Reserve Fund it is proposed to make an addition of \$50,000 bringing that fund up to the amount of the unallocated Capital of the Company, and with a dividend of 87 per share, in former years, the years profit of \$324,131.74 is absorbed. I should add that the Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the favourable result of the year, to vote bonus to staff of 10% upon their salaries, of which I trust you will approve.

Working account for the year 1913 has, I am glad to say, gone quite satisfactorily for the first 15 months, and promises a favourable final outcome. First, as you are aware, have been very frequent in the area from which a large portion of the company's income is derived, and many of them have been second in avoiding some altogether, whilst in other cases our limits have restricted our loss to a moderate figure.

In many respects the Company's Articles of Association have, been at work upon the draft of new articles designed to remove the points to which objection can be made. This draft will be ready almost immediately, and opportunity will be taken to seek for the Company fuller powers which will enable it to transact such other classes of insurance as it is found, under present conditions, are frequently applied for in connection with the arranging of fire insurance business, and an extraordinary meeting of the Company will be called shortly to obtain the necessary sanction of shareholders.

I now have pleasure in proposing that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted, and passed, and after this Resolution has been seconded I will be before the meeting for discussion, and I shall be glad to answer any questions arising out of it which shareholders may wish to put. Mr. Dennison seconded the report which was thereupon carried unanimously.

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## THE DOLL BOXING CONTESTS.

The D.O.L.I. tournament opened at the City Hall last night and provided many contests of interest, while in others the competitors seemed only to have the vaguest notions of the "dollar" there were no less than 23 matches, the details of which are appended:—

Regimental Welter: Private Sidway beat Private Walter; Private Palmer beat Private Cunningham; Private Grogan beat Private Bindall; and Private Ing beat Private Pillbury.

Very little attention had been devoted to training. Sidway and Palmer used heavy rights but Grogan should get his arms more under control. Pillbury collapsed at the final round before a raw youth who gave promise.

Byes: Private Crew, Davis, Rending, Ousell and Grogan.

Open Feather: Private Smith of the D.O.L.I. beat Bugler Buckley, R.M.L.T., Stoker Pedrup H.M.S. Midshipman best G. Hewitt 87 R.G.A.; A. B. Sullivan best H.M.S. Minotaur beat A. B. Grayson H.M.S. Minotaur.

Bugler faced quite a good deal and was told it was no good standing there and doing nothing. He bucked up but made a poor opponent, there was a mass of Smith's capabilities. There was not much to choose between Pedrup and Hewitt. Grayson retired in the second round after a rather bad pasting.

Bye: Stoker Burke, H.M.S. Minotaur. Regimental Light: Bugler Calmore knocked out Private Blighing with a succession of wind punches.

Byes: Private Churchill, Chapman and Sales.

Open Welter: Sig. Wilkinson R.V.S. Minotaur beat A. B. Dalton H.M.S. Minotaur; Gunner Thomas, 8th Co. R.G.A. beat A. B. Vane, H.M.S. Merfin; A. B. Taylor H.M.S. Minotaur beat Sig. Smith, H.M.S. Ask; Private Conolly H.M.S. Minotaur beat G. M. Basil, R.M.S. Hampshire. Dalton was wounded in the first round and retired. Vane created some amusement with his whirlwind antics, his perpetual smile and his whirlwind antics, was an easy master over Smith and Basil retired in the second round after a severe drubbing.

Regimental Feather: Private Myle beat Private Knight; Private Smith knocked out Private Hudson in a few seconds; Private Carey knocked out Private Restrict.

A disappointing competition. Myle had his man easily beaten. A couple of good punches made Hudson gasp and Restrict after a plucky defence fell an easy prey to a hooked right.

Byes: Private Huse, Porter, Davis, Sgt. Adair, and Private Wright.

Open middle: Private Huse H.M.S. Minotaur beat Private Gurling on an extra round. Private Pilsbury D.O.L.I. beat Gunner Law 88 Co., R.G.A. A. B. Metherway H.M.S. Minotaur beat A. B. Vane H.M.S. Merfin.

Quite an interesting series. Stevens who has quite a good reputation did not exert himself in the initial round and it was only when he found the decision in the balance that he led off with any determination. Gurling boxed well. Law received a bad punch over the wind and he retired. Vane and Metherway had very little effect on Metherway who landed some terrific punches on the eye.

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## THE PARIS SENSATION.

### EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

LONDON, March 18.

The police have seized all the papers at M. Calmette's office, and it is reported that they include private letters which M. Calmette wrote to his wife before marriage.

The affair threatens to develop into almost equal political importance with the Dreyfus and Steinhilber affairs.

M. Calmette was Editor of the *Figaro*.

Despite extensive police precautions, there were a series of demonstrations against M. Calmette, organised by Royalists, in Paris last night, with frequent scuffles with the police, resulting in 15 persons being arrested.

The Chamber, after an exciting debate, resolved to continue the Commission of inquiry into the Rochette case, and invest it with judicial power.

One of the *Figaro's* charges was that M. Calmette had indirectly brought pressure to bear on the judges to postpone the case of the financier Rochette, thus enabling Rochette to flee the country.

LATER.

### Heated Discussion in the French Chamber.

Deputy Delahaye opened the Rochette debate in the French Chamber, and asserted that the crime was committed with the object of preventing the publication of documents showing a certain Judge guilty of a misdemeanour in 1911 by order of M. Monis, the then Premier.

M. Barthou caused a sensation by reading a letter written by the Attorney-General Fabre in 1911, alleging that M. Monis had compelled him to secure the postponement of the Rochette case.

Rejoinders ensued, M. Monis denying that he had ordered the postponement of the case.

The Radicals are accusing M. Barthou of perjury in a judicial document and supplying it to the *Figaro*.

### The Political Aspect.

Another telegram states that the general feeling is that the Government have received a severe blow by the resignation of M. Caillaux and that there is a probability of a Republican Federation headed by M. M. Barthou and Briand at the forthcoming elections, which will be strengthened, it is expected, by M. Monis, who is likely to resign at least temporarily in order to testify before the Rochette Commission of Enquiry.

## A WOLSELEY MEMORIAL.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

The Government have granted a site in Trafalgar Square for an equestrian statue to the late Lord Garnet Wolseley.

The Committee, which includes Lords Lansdowne, Grey, Roberts and Kitchener, appeal for subscriptions.

## "THE MOST DISTRESSFUL COUNTRY."

### OPTIMISTIC NATIONALISTS.

LONDON, March 18.

At St. Patrick's Day banquet at the Hotel Cecil many messages of congratulation were read from America and the Colonies including Cape Town.

Mr. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, proposing the toast "Ireland, a nation," said this would be the last St. Patrick's Day before the enactment of a great measure of emancipation and justice, which would be law in a few weeks, probably in its present form. The efforts of the Government at conciliation had met with insult, rejection, and failure. If the Opposition interposed with force it would be met by force. The Irish party and the Government were absolutely united.

### RUB IT IN.

A GOOD many people think Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller is a mere advertisement for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. But those who have used it know that it is a powerful remedy for all the ailments of the bowels, and that it is a most valuable and safe medicine.

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## ACCIDENT TO MR. BALFOUR.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the ex-Premier, while motoring through Nice, was struck by a stone thrown by a boy, and received a deep gash on the bridge of his nose.

## GERMAN TROOPS IN CHINA.

### THE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, March 19.

In the Reichstag, Herr Zimmermann, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that there could be no question of decreasing or withdrawing five hundred German troops from China. If President Yuan Shih Kai ceased to guide the Republic, uncertainty would probably again prevail, for it was known at present that other Powers were not following Russia in withdrawing her troops from China.

## CHINA'S PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION.

### PRESIDENT SUGGESTS AMENDMENT.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that a Convention has been opened to amend the Provisional Constitution. The Foreign Minister, Sun Pao Chi, read President Yuan Shih Kai's message, in which the President pointed out the restrictions which the Constitution imposed upon the Government and its unsuitability of the existing conditions in China. He was convinced that the members should modify the Constitution and thus give peace and prosperity to the people of China.

## SON TO THE KAISER'S DAUGHTER.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

The Kaiser's only daughter, Princess Louise, the wife of the Grand Duke of Brunswick, has been safely delivered of a son.

To celebrate the event, the Kaiser ordered that all the school children of Berlin should have a holiday. There was also a general holiday and public rejoicings in Brunswick.

## PRINCE OF WALES IN DENMARK.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

The Prince of Wales while passing through Copenhagen en route to Norway was decorated with the Order of the Elephant by the King.

## THE CASE OF THE ARRESTED MISSIONARY.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

Portugal has replied to Sir Edward Grey that in the case of the Rev. Mr. Bowditch they will see that full justice is guaranteed. Should the tribunal include military officers the fairness of the trial will be in nowise prejudiced thereby. At the trial the British Consul would be able to attend.

## BRITISH NATURALISATION BILL.

LONDON, Mar. 18.

In the House of Lords, Lord Emmott, in the course of the Second Reading of the Naturalisation Bill, explained that it had been drafted in agreement with the Dominions.

## GERMAN ENTERPRISE AT TSINGTAO.

LONDON, Mar. 18.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that the Budget Committee of the Reichstag has discussed the estimates for Kiaochow.

Admiral von Tirpitz explained the project for the establishment of an iron foundry and smelting works at Tsingtao, and said the Admiralty was furnishing information and endeavouring to promote the growing interest in German industry in China. An account of the iron foundry and smelting works mentioned above, appearing in yesterday's issue of the *China Mail*, is a misprint.

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## THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

### THE DEBATE.

LONDON, Mar. 18.

Mr. A. H. Lee (C.) contended that the Government was failing in its promises to keep up the 60 per cent. standard. They would be three short in the Home waters in the summer, four in 1915, and two in 1916. The Government, he further contended, had also completely failed to carry out its pledges regarding the Mediterranean.

Mr. J. G. Butcher (C.) moved that in order to deal satisfactorily with the Navy estimates the House should be informed of the conclusions of the Committee of Imperial Defence, and the result of its re-examination of the problem of defence against invasion.

Mr. Churchill, in winding up the debate, said that the new factors which had arisen in the last six or seven years had required close attention, and he instanced submarines, aircraft and wireless. It should not be assumed, he said, that these new factors were not favourable to Great Britain, but undoubtedly a change of strategic front had occurred which had not improved their position. All these matters had been studied by the Committee in the course of a long inquiry, in addition to the important lessons of the manœuvres. The report of the Committee had only been agreed upon a fortnight ago and it was not yet signed. Still, the points they had been considering would be for debate in a later Session when Mr. Asquith would make a full statement, embodying the conclusions of the Committee. The motion was rejected by 200 votes to 140.

LATER.

### Australian Minister's Views.

A telegram from Sydney states that the Hon. Mr. Miller, Minister for Defence, says that Mr. Churchill's speech demonstrates the advisability of holding another Imperial Conference on defence. He does not believe that Mr. Churchill's suggestion of an Imperial squadron or of the despatch of Dominion ships to Home waters will find acceptance in Australia.

(Wah Tez Yat Po's Service.)

## ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

PEKING, March 18.

A secretary in the President's office named Tuan Sai Wen has been arrested on suspicion of being in league with "White Wolf."

## JOURNALISTS IN TROUBLE.

PEKING, March 18.

Two Japanese and one Chinese attached to the editorial staff of the Shuntin Times, published in Peking with Japanese capital, have been arrested on a charge of communicating with rebels. The Japanese minister has demanded the release of the two Japanese.

### China and Tibet.

Chun Yee Fan, the Pacification Envoy to Tibet, reports that so far no serious negotiations have been made. A satisfactory result is not expected.

## THE HUCHOW RISING.

SHANGHAI, March 18.

The rising at Huchow has been effectively suppressed.

## FRANCE HONOURS PRESIDENT YUAN.

PEKING, Mar. 19.

The French President has decorated President Yuan Shih Kai with an important Order.

## CHINESE BONDS IN FRANCE.

PEKING, Mar. 19.

Information has been received by the China-French Industrial Bank to the effect that Chinese bonds are in great demand.

## TROUBLE AVERTED.

THAT trouble which was feared to arise between the Chinese and the British in the case of the *Yungtung* has been averted. The British Consul at Peking has been informed that the Chinese Government has decided to allow the *Yungtung* to proceed on her voyage to Hongkong.

# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## AUTHORITIES ASSERTING THEMSELVES IN ULSTER.

LONDON, Mar. 19.

There is growing tension in Ulster in consequence of the authorities taking precautions.

A detachment of the 1st. Norfolk has arrived at Carrickfergus, and sentries with fixed bayonets are being posted day and night at the Castle and Annaboury.

The guards at the barracks of Enniskillen and Armagh have been doubled and civilians are prohibited from entering.

### Another Ulster Champion.

Lord Milner, in the course of a long interview regarding the motives of the organisers of the British "Covenant," says that they are to aid by forcing an immediate appeal to the country or, alternatively, to stand by Ulster during the interregnum till the electors have pronounced judgment.

## THE DOUBLE MURDER.

### FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) and a jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning the trial was continued of a young Chinese named Pan Hing Tung, who stands charged with the murder of his wife and mother. Prisoner, a man of good education, was a student companion to Messrs. Stephenson and Co., and it is alleged that as the culmination of frequent quarrels with his wife, who objected to her treatment by her mother-in-law, he shot both as they lay in bed in the early morning of February 8. The prisoner's house is near the Central Police Station, and police on duty heard the shots fired but there was no eye witness of the tragedy.

Great interest is being taken in the trial by the Chinese and the court was crowded at an early hour this morning. The following are serving on the jury: Messrs H. C. Sandford (foreman) V. S. Ferguson, W. R. C. Drake, P. O. Roza, S. Helme, J. J. Gutierrez and A. A. Fyle. The Attorney-General (Hon. J. A. S. Buckton) presided, and Mr. E. H. Duden Potter (counsel for the Crown) conducted the case.

The father of the accused was the first witness called this morning. He saw that the old woman who was alleged to have been shot by accused was his real mother. Accused's sister, a girl of seventeen, stated that both as they lay in bed on the morning of the tragedy and turning on the light saw prisoner. Witness added that she saw her mother lying on the bed motionless and speechless and with blood on her. When accused, who was with her, saw his mother he said he did not know what was the matter, but he would fetch the police. Accused then left and witness subsequently heard some whistling, apparently in the street. Her sister-in-law (the younger of the two victims) witness added was ambidextrous.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter the witness stated that after her brother had been running downstairs she heard two more shots fired in the cubicle occupied by her brother's wife. She thereupon went into her sister-in-law's cubicle and found her lying on the floor.

An amah, called by the Crown, during the case, stated that she saw the prisoner running downstairs and saw him shoot his mother. She was running down the stairs and saw him shoot his mother. The Attorney-General asked leave to treat the witness as a hostile witness.

Mr. Potter objected; and His Lordship held that the witness had no right to be called. Continuing her evidence the amah said she followed the accused downstairs, and saw police whistles. She knew that her mistress, the old woman, was dead, but she did not know exactly what had occurred. She thought that the electric light globes had exploded.

Mr. Potter, at the outset of his address to the jury, dealt with the charge of matricide. The murder of the mother was hardly referred to by the Attorney-General in his opening, much less in the evidence, and he submitted that if the jury examined the evidence they would find that the case was a case of evidence like that.

His Lordship, addressing Mr. Potter, said he could not withdraw the case from the jury.

Mr. Potter asked if his Lordship ruled that the accused killed his mother? He would like to have it on his Lordship's notes.

His Lordship said there was evidence that accused had a revolver which the bullets found in the body stated.

Mr. Potter admitted these facts, but strongly submitted that this was not evidence against the accused. No case could be allowed to go to a jury in which the only evidence was that there was a revolver, used which was the admitted property of a certain person. It was inconceivable, and he had never heard a case left to the jury on evidence like that, and that the Attorney-General had not.

His Lordship pointed out that prisoner was found on the premises by the police, and intimated that he would not withdraw the case from the jury.

Mr. Potter said he had decided to call no evidence.

# LANTAO SANENOTE CASE.

FIVE MEN CHARGED.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a jury at the Criminal Sessions to-day the trial was resumed of five Chinese—Lam Ying Man, U Yat Cho, Tack San, Wai Hing and Chau Chi—on a charge arising out of the seizure of an extensive forged banknote printing plant at a small village on Lantau Island last year. The machinery and a large number of forged notes in various stages of manufacture seized at the time of the raid were produced in Court.

The jury empanelled consisted of Messrs G. A. Dice (foreman) P. J. Taylor, W. R. Ocker, H. B. Bridger, C. H. Davis, H. Lumsden and J. R. Forbes.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. H. Kemp) prosecuted. The prisoners pleaded not guilty yesterday, all being defended with the exception of U Yat Cho, for whom Mr. F. O. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Davidson, of Hastings and Hastings) appeared.

Evidence was given yesterday concerning the raid by the police and the seizure of the plant. With the exception of U Yat Cho, who was arrested in Hongkong, prisoners were apprehended at the time of the seizure.

A Canton Chinese identified Lam Ying Man as a man he had seen before and also recognised others of the prisoners as persons he knew when he visited Cheung Shee Lan village, Lantau, in December last year. During this visit he saw the printing machine now in court at the house of one of the prisoners, and then went to Lam's house and had some conversation with him about bank notes. He told Lam he wished to buy some notes and Lam told him that none had been made well yet, and that he was not to be deceived, as it was all nonsense. He was shown two notes, but he thought they would not pass as the portrait of Chan Kwing Ming was not clear. Lam told him that if he took the notes he would not be able to get rid of them, as they were not good enough, and he added that if anyone went to the island to trouble him he would shoot them. After taking tea he went with the prisoner Wai to a wooden house on the hill-side and saw the other machine (a lithographic hand press) examined. He was a business man in Canton dealing in pigments. The colours he sold were not used for printing forged notes; they could not be put to this use. The colours seized by the police were foreign colours; he only sold colours to native workmen. He had some friends in the police office in Canton.

Mr. Jenkin: Were you told that if you did not come down and give evidence you would be shot?

Witness (emphatically): No.

Mr. Jenkin: That is the advantage of being a friend of the police, I suppose.

The jury found the prisoners guilty. The first two, Lam and U Yat Cho were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, Tack and Wai to five years' and Chau Chi to three years.

## NEWSPAPERS' RIGHT TO PUBLIC NEWS.

A decision given by the Court of Common Pleas at Columbus, Ohio, regarding the right of newspapers to news of a public nature seems likely to have considerable effect throughout the Union, and, incidentally shows in what estimation the press is held in America. The court has decided that no public official has any right to withhold news of a public nature, and this a newspaper has such a property right in such news as to entitle it to an injunction restraining an official from withholding information of this character. The case arose out of a refusal of a county auditor to permit the representatives of newspapers from attending and reporting meetings of the Commissioners. One of the newspapers in question brought a suit against the auditor, with the result that it won its case. The decision establishes a precedent, and it is stated that other cases will be brought on the strength of it.

the father and the amah and three Crown witnesses, the case against the prisoner was absolutely at an end, because it would have been a physical impossibility for the man to have shot his wife. It was not competent for the Crown to call witnesses and then say that they were lying. There was only one remedy open to the Crown if it was believed their witnesses were suppressing evidence, and that was to ask for leave to treat them as hostile witnesses. No such suggestion was made in the case of the father and daughter and half-brother suggestion in the case of the amah was over-ruled. The only theory which would fit all the facts was that accused's wife killed her mother-in-law and then, hearing the police whistles and commotion, shot herself. Mr. Potter's address occupied nearly an hour and a half.

The Attorney-General referred to Mr. Potter's address as a very impassioned speech and asked the jury not to allow sentiment to influence their decision even though their duty involved very unpleasant consequences.

The Attorney-General having concluded his address, Mr. Potter called his Lordship's attention to the fact that throughout his address the Attorney-General had not mentioned the murder of the mother. It was a matter of vital importance, because the person who murdered the mother was the person who had the revolver, and if it admitted that the amah was the one who shot the mother, then the case was decided.

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